

We claim:

1. A process for preparing ethers, esters or acid anhydrides, in
5 which a cake of a first reactant selected from salts of
organic or oxygen-containing inorganic acids or alkoxides
disposed on a filter element is flowed through by a solution
of a second reactant selected from inorganic or organic acid
10 halides and alkyl halides, so that the insoluble halide salt
formed remains on the filter element.
2. A process as claimed in claim 1, in which the second reactant
is dissolved in a solvent selected from hydrocarbons,
halogenated hydrocarbons, ethers ketones and esters.
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3. A process as claimed in claim 2, in which the solvent is
selected from 1,2-dichloroethane, 1,2-dichloropropane and
mixtures thereof.
- 20 4. A process as claimed in any of claims 1 to 3, in which the
first reactant used is an alkali metal salt or the ammonium
salt of benzoic acid and the second reactant used is
phosphorus(III) chloride.
- 25 5. A process as claimed in any of the preceding claims, in which
the cake of the first reactant is obtained by precipitating
the first reactant out of a reaction solution and filtering
the suspension obtained through the filter element.

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